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COUNCIL PASSES MAYOR'S BUDGET

City's first structurally-balanced budget in decades restores variety of services

The San Diego City Council passed Mayor Sanders' budget today, ensuring the city's first structurally balanced in budget in decades.

The budget restores a variety of services that have been reduced due to the economic slump of the past several years, and pumps an additional \$30 million into street resurfacing.

"I want to thank the Council for its cooperation during this budget process, and for helping to make tough decisions over the last several years," Mayor Sanders said. "This budget is evidence that our hard work and reforms are paying off. We are beginning to restore services, and should see more budget surpluses in the years to come."

The city is projecting a \$119 million budget surplus over the next five years.

The fiscal year 2013 budget was achieved through a series of financial reforms, including managed competition, the streamlining of city departments, outsourcing information technology, and making major changes to the city's retirement and retiree health systems. Better than expected tax revenues were also a contributing factor.

City service restorations under this budget include:

- Increasing operating hours at all 35 branch libraries in the city by an additional 8 hours per week, and opening the central library on Saturdays for the first time since 2009.
- Adding five hours per week to operations at all of the city's 56 recreation centers.
- Increasing from 25 to 30 the number of recruits at each of the four police academies next year.

- Adding a second fire academy next year, which means the addition of 30 firefighters. There has not been a fire academy since 2009.
- Funding a new fire station alert system that connects the city's 47 fire stations with the dispatch center, to replace the badly outdated 20-year-old system.
- Putting an additional \$8.3 million into infrastructure projects, including stormwater projects.
- Adding \$30 million into street resurfacing, which will re-do 60 miles of roadway. By contrast, the city only resurfaced 7 miles of road in 2005 – the year before Mayor Sanders took office.
- Increasing the city's allocation to arts and culture programs by 5 percent, which means an approximate addition of \$300,000.
- And lastly, this spending plan will continue the city's progress to create jobs for San Diegans – to recruit and retain businesses – especially in the thriving Cleantech and High-tech industries.

“After years of reforms, the city is now turning the page on what has been a very difficult chapter in San Diego's history,” Mayor Sanders said. “We are moving forward into a more prosperous future.”

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